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SUBJ: SYG'S EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR THE MSA'S

SUMMARY: UN'S LONG AWAITED PROVISIONAL LIST OF MSA'S
PLACES 24 COUNTRIES IN CATEGORY ONE AND FOUR MORE IN
CATEGORY TWO. END SUMMARY

1. QUOTED BELOW IN ITS ENTIRETY IS A NOTE VERBALE TO
POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES FROM THE UN SYG. USUN HAS
OBTAINED AN ADVANCED COPY OF THE NOTE WHICH IS DUE TO
BE OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTED TO DONORS AND OTHERS SOMETIME
BETWEEN 2-5 AUGUST.

2. WHEN OBTAINING AN ADVANCED COPY OF THE NOTE FROM
A PREBISCH STAFFER, MISOFF ALSO LEARNED THAT SIDNEY DELL
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PLANS TO TRAVEL TO VIENNA THIS WEEKEND FOR TALKS WITH

OPEC OFFICIALS REGARDING SUCH MATTERS AS SETTING UP ACCOUNT AND RECORD KEEPING GUIDELINES RE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM. FOLLOWING VIENNA DELL GOES ON TO BEIRUT TO CHAIR AN AD HOC MEETING OF UNDP RESREPS IN A NUMBER OF OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES RE THEIR ENVISIONED LIAISON ETC. ROLE IN THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM. LASTLY, MISOFF INFORMED THAT PREBISCH AND COMPANY WERE CALLING A UN INTER-AGENCY (IBRD, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP, OTHERS) MEETING ON THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR 14-16 AUGUST AND WERE GIVING "PRELIMINARY THOUGHT" TO HOLDING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HOPEFULLY-ABOUT-TO-BE-NAMED INFORMAL ADVISORY GROUP OF EIGHT ON 16 AUGUST.

3. NOTE VERBALE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE NOTE VERBALE TO POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY OPERATION TO PROVIDE TIMELY RELIEF TO COUNTRIES SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS HAD UNDER STUDY THE QUESTION OF WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CRITERIA LISTED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTION. IN CARRYING OUT THIS STUDY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BENEFITED GREATLY FROM INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM BY THE TECHNICAL SERVICES OF THE FAO, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP AND THE WORLD BANK.

ON 28 MAY 1974, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SENT A QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE TO WHICH HIS APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OF 9 MAY 1974 HAD BEEN ADDRESSED. ONLY A FEW GOVERNMENTS HAVE THUS FAR FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUESTED OF THEM, AND A FULL REVIEW OF NEEDS CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL SUCH REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BELIEVES THAT POTENTIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL A PROVISIONAL LISTING OF COUNTRIES THAT, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, ARE ENCOUNTERING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. ACCORDINGLY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS THE HONOUR TO SUBMIT HERewith THE ATTACHED TWO LISTS OF COUNTRIES. THE FIRST LIST INCLUDES THOSE WITH A PER CAPITA GNP IN 1971 OF \$200 AND BELOW, AND THE SECOND THOSE WITH A PER CAPITA GNP

IN 1971 OF \$201 TO \$400.

THE EXTENT OF THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN THESE VARIOUS COUNTRIES DIFFERS CONSIDERABLY. WHILE IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALL OF THEM ARE ENCOUNTERING SERIOUS PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT CRISIS, IN SOME CASES THE SITUATION IS SO GRAVE THAT THE POPULATION FACES EXTREME DEPRIVATION AND EVEN STARVATION.

A FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO BE BORNE IN MIND IS THAT THERE ARE GREAT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE COUNTRIES LISTED AS REGARDS THEIR CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION CONFRONTING THEM. THOSE AT RELATIVELY HIGHER INCOME LEVELS ARE, GENERALLY SPEAKING, IN LESS ACUTE DIFFICULTY THAN THOSE AT MINIMUM SUBSISTENCE LEVELS: IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT NO COUNTRIES WITH A PER CAPITAL GNP IN EXCESS OF \$400 HAVE BEEN LISTED EVEN THOUGH IT IS KNOWN THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY HAVE BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED. COUNTRIES ALSO DIFFER AS REGARDS THEIR ACCESS TO SOURCES OF FINANCE OTHER THAN THE EMERGENCY OPERATION LAUNCHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SOME OF THEM, FOR EXAMPLE, MAY BE ABLE TO FINANCE PART OF THEIR NEEDS ON COMMERCIAL TERMS, AND SOME ARE ALREADY ASSURED OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD.

FOR THE VARIOUS REASONS INDICATED ABOVE, THE FACT THAT A COUNTRY HAS BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS AND THEREFORE APPEARS ON ONE OF THE ATTACHED LISTS DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY THAT IT IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE ADDITIONAL FINANCE THAT IT REQUIRES. A MAJOR PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL FINANCING GAP THAT REMAINS IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY FOUR ASIAN COUNTRIES - BANGLADESH, INDIA, PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA. THIS ESTIMATE, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED, RELATES TO REQUIREMENTS OVER AND ABOVE THE FOOD AID AND OTHER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ALREADY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE PIPELINE FOR SOME OF THE COUNTRIES. WHILE IT IS THEREFORE CLEAR WHERE THE BULK OF THE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE NEEDS OF MANY OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES ARE AS URGENT, IN RELATION TO THEIR OWN SITUATIONS, AS THOSE OF THE LARGER COUNTRIES.

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WHILE THE ATTACHED LISTS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP ON THE BASIS OF THE MOST CAREFUL PROJECTIONS FOR 1974 AND 1975 AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE SITUATION IS UNDERGOING RAPID CHANGE, NOTABLY AS A RESULT OF DECLINES IN CERTAIN COMMODITY PRICES. IF THE RECENT DOWNWARD TRENDS IN COMMODITY PRICES WERE TO CONTINUE, IT IS LIKELY THAT A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE NOT THUS FAR EXPERIENCED A DETERIORATION IN THEIR TERMS OF TRADE, WOULD BEGIN TO ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES. IT WILL THEREFORE BE NECESSARY TO KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW, AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENTS WITH INFORMATION ON ANY IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT TAKE PLACE.

SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING QUALIFICATIONS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMENDS THE ATTACHED LISTS TO THE ATTENTION OF POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONNEXION WITH THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHETHER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL.

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PROVISIONAL LIST OF SEVERELY AFFECTED COUNTRIES UNDER
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI)

LIST 1 - COUNTRIES WITH A PER CAPITA GNP OF \$200 AND
BELOW IN 1971

AFRICA - CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD,
ETHIOPIA, KENYA, LESOTHO, MALAGASY REPUBLIC, MALI, MAURI-
TANIA, NIGER, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA,
UPPER VOLTA

ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST - BANGLADESH, INDIA, KHMER REPUBLIC,
LAOS, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, YEMEN (ARAB REPUBLIC),
YEMEN (PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)
LATIN AMERICA - HAITI

LIST 2 - COUNTRIES WITH A PER CAPITA GNP OF \$201 TO \$400
IN 1971

AFRICA - SENEGAL

LATIN AMERICA - EL SALVADOR, GUYANA, HONDURAS. UNQUOTE
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